

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing claim amendments and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate his consideration of the art cited therein in the next Office Action.

Also accompanying this Amendment is a Letter Transmitting Formal Drawings in which "Prior Art" legends are added to Figures 8 and 9 as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our California Office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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